

I do/work/like etc. (present simple)

A



They have a lot of books.
They **read** a lot.



He's eating an ice cream.
He **likes** ice cream.

They **read** / he **likes** / I **work** etc. = the *present simple*:

I/we/you/they	read	like	work	live	watch	do	have
he/she/it	reads	likes	works	lives	watches	does	has

Remember:

he works / **she lives** / **it rains** etc.

- ☐ I **work** in a shop. **My brother works** in a bank. (*not* My brother work)
- ☐ **Lucy lives** in London. **Her parents live** in Scotland.
- ☐ **It rains** a lot in winter.

I **have** → he/she/it **has**:

- ☐ **Joe has** a shower every day.

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

-es after -s / -sh / -ch :	pass → passes	finish → finishes	watch → watches
-y → -ies :	study → studies	try → tries	
<i>also</i> :	do → does	go → goes	

B

We use the present simple for things that are true in general, or for things that happen sometimes or all the time:

- ☐ I **like** big cities.
- ☐ Your English is good. You **speak** very well.
- ☐ Tom **works** very hard. He **starts** at 7.30 and **finishes** at 8 o'clock in the evening.
- ☐ The earth **goes** round the sun.
- ☐ We **do** a lot of different things in our free time.
- ☐ It **costs** a lot of money to build a hospital.

C

always/never/often/usually/sometimes + present simple

- ☐ Sue **always gets** to work early. (*not* Sue gets always)
- ☐ I **never eat** breakfast. (*not* I eat never)
- ☐ We **often go** away at weekends.
- ☐ Mark **usually plays** football on Sundays.
- ☐ I **sometimes walk** to work, but not very often.

Exercises

5.1 Write these verbs with -s or -es.

- 1 (read) she reads 3 (fly) it 5 (have) she
 2 (think) he 4 (dance) he 6 (finish) it

5.2 Complete the sentences about the people in the pictures. Use:

eat go live ~~play~~ play sleep

- 1 He plays the piano. 4 tennis.
 2 They in a very big house. 5 to the cinema a lot.
 3 a lot of fruit. 6 seven hours a night.

5.3 Complete the sentences. Use:

boil close cost cost like like meet open ~~speak~~ teach wash

- 1 Maria speaks four languages.
 2 The shops in the city centre usually at 9 o'clock in the morning.
 3 The City Museum at 5 o'clock in the evening.
 4 Tina is a teacher. She mathematics to young children.
 5 My job is very interesting. I a lot of people.
 6 Peter's car is always dirty. He never it.
 7 Food is expensive. It a lot of money.
 8 Shoes are expensive. They a lot of money.
 9 Water at 100 degrees Celsius.
 10 Laura and I are good friends. I her and she me.

5.4 Write sentences from these words. Use the right form of the verb (arrive or arrives etc.).

- 1 (always / early / Sue / arrive) Sue always arrives early.
 2 (to the cinema / never / I / go) I
 3 (work / Martina / hard / always)
 4 (like / chocolate / children / usually)
 5 (Jackie / parties / enjoy / always)
 6 (often / people's names / I / forget)
 7 (TV / Sam / watch / never)
 8 (usually / dinner / we / have / at 7.30)
 9 (Kate / always / nice clothes / wear)

5.5 Write sentences about yourself. Use always/never/often/usually/sometimes.

- 1 (watch TV in the evening) I usually watch TV in the evening.
 2 (read in bed) I
 3 (get up before 7 o'clock)
 4 (go to work/school by bus)
 5 (drink coffee in the morning)